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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H05-18221, which was published on January 26, 1993, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-18823, which was published on January 20, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-147241, which was published on May 22, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0062211 to TSURUDA, which was

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Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not attached hereto. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-14498 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 5-18221.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 10-18823.
3	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-147241.

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